

11 means for providing the clear portion to memory
12 locations accessible by a processor; and
13 remainder memory for storing the remainder portion
14 of the secure program, the remainder memory not directly
15 accessible by the processor;
16 means for requesting subsets of the remainder portion
17 for use by the processor; and
18 means, within the security chip, for checking that the
19 requested subset **[is a predetermined subset]** is within a valid
20 predetermined set of requested subsets [expected to be requested
21 given] dependent on a stored state for the processor.

REMARKS

The claims in this case, claims 1-33, were allowed following a telephone conference on February 28, 1997 between the Examiner and the undersigned. Upon review of each of the amendments in the Examiner's Amendment mailed March 4, 1997, they are acceptable, except for a possible antecedent basis issue. To overcome the antecedent basis issue, Applicants submit the above amendment to claim 1.

The underlined additions and bolded deletions shown above are amendments to claim 1 as it was just prior to the Examiner's Amendment. Thus, the amendments shown above include the amendments made to claim 1 in the Examiner's Amendment.

One of the additional amendments made here to claim 1 is to change "is a predetermined subset" to "is within a valid predetermined set of requested subsets". This amendment provides the necessary antecedent basis for clause "the valid predetermined set of subsets" added to claim 17 by the Examiner's Amendment. The Examiner should note that this amendment to provide a proper antecedent basis also somewhat broadens claim 1, as the requested subset need only be within a "valid predetermined set" which can contain one or more members.

Also, the Examiner's suggested amendment to recite "dependent on the" has been changed to "dependent on a", since

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that phrase precedes the phrase "stored state" which has no antecedent basis at that point.

Applicants submit that this amendment is of such a nature that the application should proceed to issuance with these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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